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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV'S BONN TRIP: LIMITED EXPECTATIONS ON
BOTH SIDES

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SUMMARY: PREPARATIONS FOR THE BREZHNEV VISIT TO BONN
CONTINUE. THE FRG EMBASSY IS ACTIVELY NEGOTIATING THE
FINAL COMMUNIQUE WITH MFA CONTACTS. THE SOVIET PRESS
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CONTINUES TO SHOW CONSIDERABLE RESERVE REGARDING THE
EXPECTED RESULTS OF THE VISIT. PRESS AND PRIVATE COMMENTS
SUGGEST THAT BOTH SIDES THINK ECONOMIC ACCORDS, A LONG
TERM ECONOMIC ACCORD IN PARTICULAR, WILL CAP THE VISIT.
THE BAHR VISIT MAY HAVE BEEN A PREPARATION FOR THE
VISIT, BUT THE FRG EMBASSY HERE IS UNINFORMED ABOUT THESE
ASPECTS OF BAHR'S CONVERSATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. AS THE BREZHNEV VISIT TO BONN APPROACHES THE FRG EMBASSY HERE IS BUSY DRAFTING A COMMUNIQUE WITH ITS CONTACTS IN THE SOVIET MFA. IT APPEARS TO BE A LONG STATEMENT WITH ABOUT 40 SEPARATE POINTS, OF WHICH A DOZEN MAJOR ONES ARE ON ECONOMIC MATTERS, ACCORDING TO OUR FRG EMBASSY SOURCES. ON THE POLITICAL SIDE THE DOCUMENT WILL APPARENTLY STRESS PRINCIPLES WHICH SHOULD GOVERN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO STATES, DETENTE AND ARMS CONTROL ISSUES.

2. EVEN ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE THERE WILL BE LESS TO HIGHLIGHT THAN HAD BEEN THOUGHT PREVIOUSLY. WE ARE NOW TOLD THAT THERE WILL BE NO LARGE CONTRACTS SIGNED OR AGREED IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT, INSTEAD THE COMMUNIQUE WILL MENTION SOME MAJOR BILATERAL PROJECTS WHICH ARE IN TRAIN, SUCH AS THOSE IN KURSK (STEEL), MOGELEV (FIBER), AND TOMSK (PETROCHEMICAL). FINALLY, OUR SOURCES SAY THERE WILL BE A SIGNING CEREMONY OF A LONG-TERM AGREEMENT ON GENERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION RUNNING TO THE YEAR 2000.

3. IF THE BAHR VISIT WAS USED TO PREPARE FOR THE BREZHNEV TRIP, THE FRG EMBASSY HERE IS UNINFORMED OF THOSE ASPECTS OF BAHR'S MEETINGS WITH THE SOVIETS. IN ANY CASE THERE HAVE BEEN NO DRAMATIC CHANGES IN CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPECTATIONS AS A CONSEQUENCE OF BAHR'S TRIP. THERE IS LITTLE TO ADD TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PREVIOUS REPORTS (REFTELS), EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING HIS APPEAL TO BONN FOR SUPPORT IN THIS ISSUE, THE FRG AMBASSADOR DID NOT ACCOMPANY BAHR ON HIS VISIT WITH BREZHNEV WHICH, AS IT TURNED OUT, LASTED ONLY 15 MINUTES. THE POINTS BREZHNEV MADE WERE PRIMARILY POLITICAL AND HE AVOIDED TALKING ON THE NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES WHICH WERE OSTENSIBLY THE MAIN PURPOSE OF BAHR'S VISIT. BREZHNEV DID UNDERLINE THE SOVIET CONTENTION THAT HIS TRIP TO THE FRG MUST BE A POLITICAL SUCCESS. HE ALSO DISCUSSED THE ER RB WEAPON, DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES IN STANDARD TERMS. PONOMAREV, WHO WAS DESIGNATED BY BREZHNEV TO DISCUSS THE NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES WITH BAHR, INDICATED TO BAHR THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD RECEIVE TWO MEMBERS OF THE MCNAMARA COMMITTEE (THE YUGOSLAV AND SWEDISH MEMBERS) AT THE INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND WORLD ECONOMY (IMEMO).

4. MEANWHILE THE SOVIET PRESS IS TAKING A VERY RESERVED LINE CONCERNING THE VISIT AND THE EXPECTED RESULTS. THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS WHICH WILL SUPPOSEDLY COME FROM

THE VISIT ARE RECEIVING THE MOST ATTENTION IN THE ALMOST
DAILY ARTICLES WHICH ARE TRUMPETING THE TRIP. FOR THE
MOST PART FRG COMMENTATORS, POLITICAL LEADERS, AND
ECONOMIC FIGURES ARE BEING QUOTED TO PROVIDE THE
"CORRECT" SETTING IN WHICH THE SOVIETS WISH THE VISIT
TO BE SEEN. BRANDT IS THE MOST FREQUENTLY CITED
POLITICAL LEADER (ON THE VALUE OF THE TRIP FOR
STRENGTHENING DETENTE), AND LABOR LEADERS AND BUSINESS-
MEN ARE FREQUENTLY QUOTED (ON THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS
WHICH WILL RESULT FROM THE VISIT). THERE HAS STILL
BEEN NO INDICATION THAT THE PRESS WILL BE GOING OUT
OF ITS WAY TO REVIEW FRG SOCIETY AND POLITICS WITH A
FAVORABLE EYE, AS IS SO OFTEN THE CASE IN PRE VISIT
PERIODS.

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5. COMMENT: THE OVERALL IMPRESSION IS THAT WHILE

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THE SOVIETS ARE GEARING UP FOR THE TRIP, THEY ARE
BEING CAREFUL NOT TO OVERPLAY THE EXPECTED RESULTS.
THERE IS AN UNUSUAL EMPHASIS ON THE ECONOMIC ASPECTS.
OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING MUST BE MADE OF THE POLITICAL
BENEFITS -- A BREZHNEV S STATEMENT TO BAHR INDICATES --
BUT NEITHER SIDE SEEMS YET TO HAVE A FIRM IDEA OF WHAT,
IF ANY, PARTICULAR POLITICAL RESULT CAN BE HIGHLIGHTED.
IF, IN THE WEEK WHICH REMAINS, NO POLITICAL CAPSTONE
CAN BE SETTLED ON, THE GERMANS AND THE SOVIETS MAY
HAVE TO SETTLE FOR SMALLER POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHICH, WHEN BLENDED INTO A GENERALLY
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